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## Who Lives At the Tower?

Teachers who have scheduled a Devils Tower in Your Classroom ranger program should prepare their students accordingly. Students should have some understanding of Devils Tower National Monument (location, mission, ecosystems) and some general background knowledge related to their program topic. Teachers may use materials provided from the links below, the specific pre-visit lesson plans, or their own lessons to prepare students.

**"Who Lives At the Tower?"** focuses on the animals that may be seen at Devils Tower National Monument. This program includes a PowerPoint presentation, a hands-on activity, and a question and answer session with the ranger. The program is aligned with the Wyoming Science and/or Social Studies Content Standards.

This program will introduce habitat, (food, water, & shelter). Adaptations will also be introduced. Feathers, antlers, tracks, and other props will be used to show signs of these animals found at Devils Tower. We will look at the shape of tracks, at the number of toes on animals and also compare the sizes of tracks. The program will be about 45 minutes long and will require an additional 15 minutes of set-up time and clean-up time.

### Pre-Visit

#### Animals in the Movie

Watch the Devils Tower film "America's First National Monument". Watch for the animals that may be seen at the tower. After confirmation, teachers may request to borrow a copy of "America's First National Monument" DVD from the Devils Tower Education Program. Respond to the confirmation email with such a request. Teachers may also purchase the DVD and any other educational items at a 15% discount from Devils Tower Natural History Association. Enter discount code "Education Discount" when you place your order at <http://www.devilstowernha.org/Content/16.htm>. Discount is valid from the date of the confirmation email to one month after the scheduled program.

### Presentation

The presentation will consist of a PowerPoint and props that will encourage the students to learn about the tower's wildlife through visual and hands on learning. An activity consisting of making plaster cast of tracks will give students something to take with them after the program.

#### Who Lives At the Tower? (PowerPoint)

#### Activity – Plaster Tracks

### Post-Visit

The post visit activity is color pictures of some of the animals seen at the tower.

#### Color Picture (ColorPages.pdf 349 kb)

We hope that this program with all the activities will enhance the knowledge of habitats and wildlife, both seen and unseen. We also hope students are encouraged to learn more about Devils Tower National Monument.

For more information call 307-467-5283 ext. 637 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/deto/forteachers/index.htm>.